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Robert Eaton 6197 Castle Gate Dr. W, Unit 2222 Castle Rock, CO 20108

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Eaton:

I write in response to your public record act request dated August 9, 2017, which our Office received on August 15, 2017. Your letter makes forty separate requests, many of which call for statutes or information other than records produced or acquired in the course of agency business. You have asked to be advised of fees associated with your request, and have asked for a waiver of fees over \$20.00. I write to explain the volume of potentially responsive information you have requested, and advise you of next steps as we work to further respond to your request.

You previously submitted a letter with ten separate requests for documents and information in 2014. You received 68 pages at no cost to you, and were advised that recordings related to your request would cost \$684.00 to redact and produce to you.

The above estimate of costs related to recordings continues to apply. In addition, several parts of your August 9, 2017 request call for records dating back to 2003, and at least one part of your recent request seeks information going back to 1993. Searching for records over a fifteen- and twenty-five-year period will very likely involve costs exceeding \$20.00.

Due to the volume of potentially responsive records subject to your request, the Attorney General's Office will need to invoke its right to additional time to respond pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 318(a)(5). We will seek to provide you with a more detailed cost estimate within ten business days. Please be aware, in addition to the

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costs associated with recordings (\$684), costs associated with the paper and electronic portions of your request will very likely exceed \$20.00.

As for next steps, the AGO will request access to Mr. Sorrell's emails from 2003-2008, and will seek to estimate the potential volume of records that will need to be searched to process your request. We will then provide you with a cost estimate and confirm your willingness to pay associated costs before further proceeding with your request. In the alternative, we ask that you consider narrowing your request.

We hope the above information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

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